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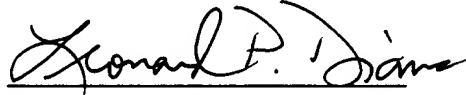
Sir:

A request for Continued Examination and a Preliminary Amendment were filed in this application on April 24, 2004 (see attached PAIR printout). Nonetheless, Applicant has received no correspondence from the Patent and trademark Office since that date.

Accordingly, Applicant urgently requests prompt continued examination, and asks to be apprised as to the reason for the delay in examination.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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